

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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AMENDMENTS TO THE MODIFIED PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Community fishing area total allowable catches for 1982, the share of these catches available to the Community, the allocation of this share between the Member States and the conditions under which the total allowable catches may be fished

(presented by the Commission to the Council pursuant
to the second paragraph of article 149 of the EEC Treaty)

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TACs and Quotas 1982

Following discussions within the High Level Group, which was established by the Council at its meeting of 28/29 June 1982, on the Commission's proposals on TACs and quotas, as contained in COM(82)340 final of 18 June 1982, as modified by COM(82)340 final/2 of 8 July 1982, the Commission has revised Tables I and II thereof. The revised EC share of the TACs and quotas are given in Table 1 attached.

The changes proposed are as follows :

In Table 1

to change the quota allocations for cod VI, Vb (EC zone), cod NAFO 1, saithe VI, Vb (EC zone), and whiting IV and the EC TACs and quota allocations for cod IV and saithe IV.

Proposed amendments to TACs and quotas for 1982 contained in documents COM(82)340 final
and COM(82)340 final/2

Table 1

Internal and joint stocks[illegible]

Amendments proposed by the Commission on 21.7.82 to "Footnotes" part of TAC % Quota draft regulation for 1982

Article 7

The introductory phrase of Article 7 shall read as follows:

"When a positive quota of cod in sub-areas ICES XIV and/or NAFO 1 has not been allocated to a Member State, the following provisions apply with regard to that Member State:"

Article 8

The first phrase of Article 8 shall read as follows:

"When a positive quota of halibut in sub-areas ICES XIV and/or NAFO 1 has not been allocated to a Member State, by-catches of halibut of this Member State must not exceed 3 % by weight of catches of other species."

Article 9(1)

In Article 9 paragraph 1 the reference to "parallel 56°N" should be replaced by "parallel 58°N".

Article 9(2)

Article 9 paragraph 2 shall be deleted if Council Regulation laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources is adopted.

Article 10(1)

Article 10 paragraph 1 should be amended to read as follows:

"When the TAC for herring is nil, by-catches of herring may not be landed unless inextricably mixed with catches of other species. In such cases the maximum allowable by-catch shall be 10 % in the case of sprat and 5 % in the case of other species. Inextricably mixed herring by-catches may not be sorted either on board a vessel or on landing".

Article 10(2 b)

The heading of this paragraph should be completed to read as follows:

"(b) other zones except Baltic Sea - ICES division IIIb,c,d"

Article 10 (2b i)

This paragraph should be amended to read as follows:

"The maximum allowable by-catch of herring inextricably mixed with other species shall be 10 % for sprat and 5 % for all other species. Inextricably mixed herring by-catches may not be sorted either on board a vessel or on landing".

Article 10 (2 b ii)

This paragraph should be completed as follows:

"The use of grading equipment on board fishing vessels is prohibited for herring unless such vessels use, for the herring fishery, a net, irrespective of the type used, with a mesh the size of which is not smaller than 32 mm".

Article 13(2)

The following should be added to this paragraph:

"....with a tolerance of $\pm 5\%$; this means that all meshes of a net measured shall be within 5 % of 140 mm".